



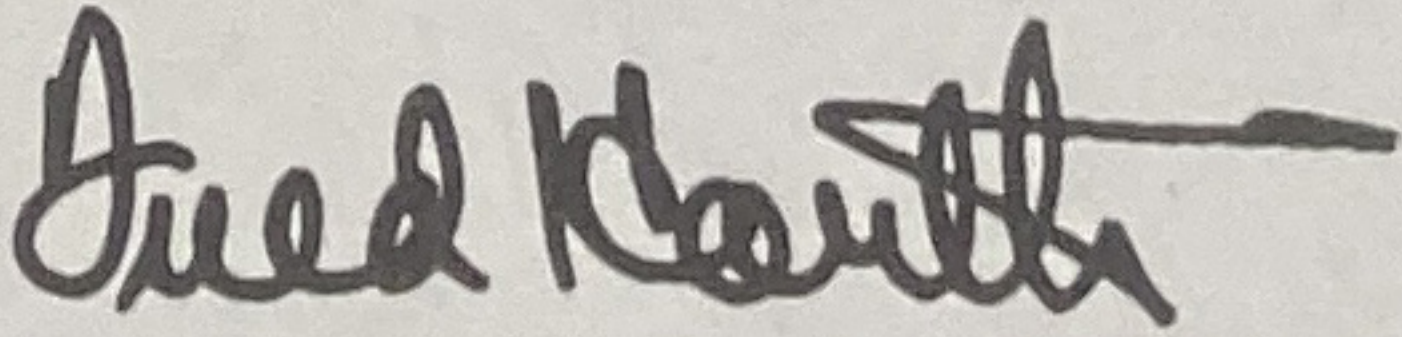
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in commending
UNITED STATES NAVAL TASK GROUP 43.2
consisting of
AIR DEVELOPMENT SQUADRON SIX (VX-6)
for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For exceptionally meritorious service from November 1955 to April 1961 while serving with United States Naval Task Force FORTY-THREE (U.S. Naval Support Force, Antarctica). In the face of extremely hazardous weather and terrain, Task Group 43.2 carried out its responsibilities with outstanding skill and resourcefulness, providing the maximum in cooperation and assistance for the United States scientific effort in Antarctica. Among its many notable achievements, the Task Group carried out the first flight of land-based aircraft from New Zealand to Antarctica, flying over ice-filled, treacherous seas and through one of the world's worst weather areas; made long exploratory flights in the face of perilous take-off and landing conditions, unreliable communications, inaccurate charts, and adverse weather; performed a mercy flight from McMurdo to Wilkes Station and return to evacuate an Australian who was ill; hauled hundreds of tons of vital cargo to the inland bases; carried out the longest logistics flight in Antarctic history; photomapped hundreds of thousands of square miles of Antarctica; and developed new, improved techniques in polar navigation. The technical skill, cooperative spirit, courage, and devotion to duty manifested by all personnel of Task Group 43.2 in executing their assignments, reflect the highest credit upon themselves and the United States Naval Service."

All personnel attached to and serving on board Task Group 43.2 during the above period, or any part thereof, are hereby authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon.


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